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## BRIDGE THE GAP

Clamour for foot overbridge at track grows after woman's narrow escape

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## STANDING TALL

Jayadeva Metro Station has some unique qualities, height is just one of them

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### Builder closes off path to Chinnappanahalli Lake that was earlier reserved for public purpose. Residents have to walk for around 2 km now to reach arbitrary passage created by builder

# NO MAN'S LAND

**Locals claim land adjacent to lake was once a quarry and belongs to govt**

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All these years, residents of Chinnappanahalli and nearby areas had one go-place to unwind -- the Chinnappanahalli Lake, the only water body in the area. An untarred path led right to the Chinnappanahalli Lake, where morning and evening walks had become routine. All that was to change after a private builder came to the scene. The residents told BM that now they are finding it tough to reach the water body as the builder has closed off the path and opened a small passage at another location to access the lake.

The residents complained that the builder keeps on opening up passages at different locations thus causing inconvenience to those who want to visit the lake for a walk.

"It was convenient for us to reach the lake through the road reserved by the government. A few months ago, the builder closed that road and opened a passage at another location. Now, the builder closed it and opened a passage at another location.

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Narrow space provided for people to access the lake

**"We have no objection to builders developing the land as per the norms. We want the authorities to restore the road (13 guntas) for the benefit of residents**

– Rajamani S, Chinnappanahalli resident

# Imposter caught out of the bag

Many bags labelled biodegradable or non-plastic are quite the opposite of what they claim to be, environmentalists warn

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I am Not a Plastic bag."

"This bag is 100% biodegradable and compostable. made from cornstarch. CPCB certified manufacturer."

"Does not contain plastic."

Have you recently come across plastic-like pouches with such disclaimers printed on them in bold? Well, you are not alone!

Solid Waste Management (SWM) volunteers in the city have raised alarm about the rampant use of bags labeled as 'biodegradable' and 'non-plastic bags' by streetside vendors, supermarket chains, and food delivery firms.

"These bags are being handed over as biodegradable, compostable, and oxo-biodegradable. While only a couple of these might be compostable, they compost only under specified conditions and temperatures, which can be achieved in industrial settings. None of us who have tried to compost these bags in the home composter have been successful," said Odette Katrak, Co-founder of Beautiful Bharat,

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## 3 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Classical touch

The International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIITB) is organising the Carnatic Code, decoding the music of South India. The event features various well-known musicians such as Nishanth Chandran, BC Manjunath, G Guruprasanna, and M Bhagyalakshmi. **Where: IIIT-B Auditorium, 26/C, Hosur Road, Electronics City Phase 1, Electronic City; When: Friday, September 1; 6 pm**

### 02 Act in scenes

With its successful shows in Mumbai and Delhi, Aadyam Theatre is coming to Bengaluru for the first time. This theatre initiative by Aditya Birla Group will be presenting 'Betrayal', a masterful play written by Harold Pinter. The production is directed by Rachel D'Souza.
**Where: Ranga Shankara; When: September 15 (7:30 pm); September 16 (3:30 pm and 7:30 pm)**

### 03 Dance show

Get ready to watch a dance showcase of 10 Middle Eastern Dance Styles in the city soon. Nrityakosh, an oriental and fusion belly dance school, presents 'Parikrama', which will bring forth the history, cultural significance, socio-political influences, and the music of unique dance styles. **Where: Shoonya Centre for Arts and Somatic Practices, 4th Floor, Rear Wing, Brahmananda Court, 37, Lalbagh Main Road When: Saturday, September 2**

**Sports scene**

Youths participated during the National Sports Day 2023 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Tuesday; the event was inaugurated by Nagendra, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports, and Tribal Welfare

# 'Close off on all sides'

## Residents say Doddakallasandra Lake lacks appropriate fencing, endangering birds' lives; this fencing only protects humans from falling into water: expert

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Residents have been pointing out the big gap at the bottom of the fence at Doddakallasandra Lake; experts say that birds gather in shallow waters due to the abundance of food

Residents around Doddakallasandra Lake have pointed out the inappropriate fencing on the premises and have requested the municipal body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to ensure that the lake is adequately fenced to keep dogs from venturing out into the waters. Some residents and frequent walkers have claimed that the dogs on the premises tend to attack birds that have gathered in the shallow waters of the lake. They say that dogs can be aggressive sometimes.

Raghavendra Pachhapur, senior lead (projects), ActionAid Association, who was part of the Doddakallasandra Lake restoration, said that the inner fencing of the lake does not begin from the ground up, leaving a gap of more than one foot, which allows dogs to enter the water.

"There is a problem with the inner fencing of the lake. The BBMP has its own technical design, but it lacks an ecological perspective. The fencing only serves the purpose of protecting humans from falling into the water, but the objective must also include the protection of birds that thrive within the lake. The current design is human-centric only," he explained.

He noted that when the inner fencing work was taking place in February, the possibility of dogs entering the lake was flagged off to the BBMP. However, no action was taken regarding the issue, leaving the fence to not serve its purpose.

Pachhapur said that various birds, including the oriental darter, painted storks, and black-headed ibis, which have been deemed Near Threatened (NT) by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), have begun to thrive in the shallow waters of the lake, a transitional zone between the shore and the deep waters.

He explained that the birds gather in shallow waters due to their security and abundance of food. He added that fishing in the lake has also caused disturbance to the birds; however, it does not take place as frequently as the dog attacks.

Soundararajan, a resident who lives near Doddakallasandra Lake, said that the dog menace has remained the same for the past year. "At the initial stage itself, I pointed out the big gap at the bottom and the chances of dogs' entry into the lake. It escalated to BBMP officials, but there was no response. Many seniors and kids are afraid to walk on the walking track since there are more than 10 dogs. You can often spot walkers with a small piece of wood or a stick in their hands to chase dogs away," he said.

> **"There is a problem with the inner fencing of the lake. The BBMP has its own technical design, but it lacks an ecological perspective** –R Pachhapur

Many dogs on the premises have not been sterilised, leading to uncontrolled breeding and a rise in their population. He requested authorities to ensure that the dogs are sterilised to allow the thriving of the bird population without any chances of young birds or eggs being eaten away. The Doddakallasandra Lake Protection Committee has also been consistently advocating for the protection of birds by demanding the fences be closed immediately.

Meanwhile, BBMP chief engineer (lakes) Vijaykumar Haridas told Bangalore Mirror that the issue has been made note of and action would be taken to ensure that the fencing is reworked to not allow dogs to run free.

# On brink of tragedy, Rajankunte locals ask where's foot overbridge?

## Woman who got trapped under moving goods train yet to recover from shock; residents of area remind railway authorities of infra assurances they made

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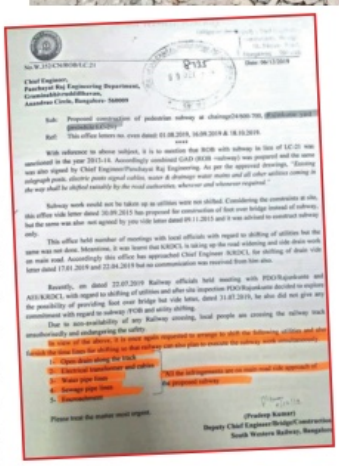

A woman crosses the track from under a train; inset: The Chief Engineer's letter

Jyothi, a 27-year-old widow from Koppal, never dreamt of hitting the headlines during her visit to Bengaluru last week. Jyothi, who has been compelled to work as agricultural labourer to eke out a living after losing her husband six months ago, had accompanied her ailing mother-in-law for treatment at Victoria Hospital.

Doctors at Victoria Hospital advised her mother-in-law to get scanning done on September 1. Unable to go to Koppal and return to Bengaluru, the duo decided to stay at Victoria Hospital, but their relative advised them to stay at his house situated at Addiganahalli near Rajankunte.

On the fateful day, the two of them alighted at Rajankunte Bus Stop and proceeded towards their relative's house. They found a stationary goods train blocking the way on the railway track at Rajankunte Railway Station. "I followed others who were going under the goods train to reach the other side of the railway track. The goods train suddenly began moving. It was a big shock for me. I lay down under the moving goods train fearing for my life," said Jyothi.

The residents of Addiganahalli and pedestrians informed Jyothi's relative, who admitted her to Victoria Hospital for treatment. "Nobody else should suffer like how I suffered last week. I urge the railway authorities to post one or two guards at the spot where people have to go under the stationary trains to reach the other side of the railway track," she said.

When we went to meet Jyothi, she was in a state of disorientation, not in a position to speak with others and certainly yet to recover from the shock of her life. "My two children are back in my hometown. I am worried about their future. Who will look after them if something happens to me?" she asked.

Meanwhile, residents of Parvathipura and Addiganahalli put the blame of such an incident squarely on the railway authorities and gram panchayat authorities.

They are frustrated by the delay in constructing either an underpass or foot over bridge to facilitate people reach the other side of the railway track.

They said that the authorities have been given them assurances that this problem would be fixed for the last five years but nothing has happened till date.

They said the railway authorities did construct a foot over bridge at the railway station but it is not safe for them to use it at night. They blame the authorities for not making similar arrangements where more people cross the railway track.

"The foot over bridge is situated a few hundred metres away from this spot. It is not safe for women to use the foot over bridge. The railway platform has become a destination for drug addicts and miscreants.

There are occasions where the miscreants rob mobile phones and cash from pedestrians," said a resident on the condition of anonymity.

According to a document with Bangalore Mirror, South Western Railway Deputy Chief Engineer (bridge construction) had written a letter to the Chief Engineer of Panchayat Raj Engineering Department on December 6, 2019, to make arrangements for shifting an open drain along the railway track, electrical transformer and cables, water pipelines, sewage pipelines, and encroachments to facilitate the construction of a pedestrian subway there but no progress has been made on that count till date.

## BMTC bus topples on a flyover

A Vayu Vajra bus operated by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) toppled near the BDA office at the Palace Guttahalli flyover on Tuesday. According to the source, 11 passengers are safe, but a woman suffered from a finger injury, and the driver also had a head injury. The BMTC claims that the event happened around 12.15 am when the bus was travelling from Bengaluru airport to HSR Layout.

# Safety first: Cracking pedestrian signal code

## Mahadevapura and KR Puram get pelican signals; traffic police are carrying out awareness drive to educate pedestrians on how to use these signals

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New pelican signals have been installed at 11 locations in Mahadevapura and KR Puram

The project undertaken by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) during the month of March to install pelican signals at Mahadevapura and KR Puram has been completed, with pelican signals installed at 11 locations. The installation of the signals is initiated at some of the busy junctions in Mahadevapura to allow safe pedestrian movement.

The project was undertaken by the BBMP Traffic Engineering Cell (TEC) and Whitefield traffic police station in March. By May, the project was completed, and now the traffic police have been carrying out an awareness drive to educate pedestrians on how to make use of these signals. In Mahadevapura, over nine pelican signals were installed, and two in KR Puram. The junctions covered in Mahadevapura were opposite to Phoenix Mall, Garudachar Palya junction, opposite to Park Square Mall, Kadugodi Tree Park, Sri Sathya Sai Hospital, MVJ Engineering College Gate, CMRIT College bus stand, Samruddhi Apartment near Kundalahalli underpass, People Tree junction Marathahalli, and two signals at KR Puram traffic police limits.

The pelican signals play a significant role in ensuring the safety of pedestrians while facilitating efficient traffic flow. These signals are equipped with traffic lights and push-button controls that allow pedestrians to signal their intent to cross the road.

Clement Jayakumar from the Mahadevapura Task Force said, "Based on checking where the pedestrian footfall is very high, the locations to install the signals were chosen. Locations such as those in front of colleges, malls, and parks were found to have more pedestrian footfall and high vehicular movement. Suggestions were made by the traffic police at different locations. When a pedestrian activates the crossing signal by pressing the button, the traffic lights change to red, giving pedestrians the right of way. This helps ensure that pedestrians have enough time to cross safely."

While the installations are completed, there is a lack of awareness among pedestrians and even citizens commuting through vehicles.

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> – Clement Jayakumar, Mahadevapura Task Force

Despite the installation of pedestrian crossing boards and the pelican signal, the vehicles tend to speed up and cross the signal. This could be extremely dangerous for the pedestrian. Therefore, the traffic police are creating awareness by educating the pedestrians on how to use the signal and even the commuters to stop when the pelican signal is initiated," added Jayakumar.

Over a decade ago, pedestrian-controlled signals were installed in many locations across the city, like Queens Road, Palace Road, Cunningham Road, Richmond Road, Ring Road, and others. Some have remained functional, while many have been dysfunctional and have even been vandalised.

However, in these installations in KR Puram and Mahadevapura, the traffic police and BBMP have stated to make sure the efficient functioning of the signals.

IN BRIEF

### Sword-bearing men chase scientist, vandalise his car

A scientist was the victim of a frightening attack in Bengaluru. Around midnight on August 24, a researcher from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CENS) named Ashutosh Singh is said to have been assaulted by four unknown motorbike riders.

After Singh posted about the terrifying experience on X, it came to light. He said that the four attackers on bikes had been relentlessly pursuing him for a considerable distance. They also were yelling threats at him, which caused the situation to worsen and eventually resulted in a violent attack on his car. His car's windscreen and rear glass were shattered by assailants brandishing swords. The event happened at 12:45 am on Ravuthanahalli Road in Bengaluru's northwest. An First Information Report (FIR) was quickly filed by the Madanayakanahalli police. Charges were brought under the categories of unlawful imprisonment and criminal intimidation. After the scientist demanded urgent action regarding the incident, traffic ADGP (Traffic) Alokkumar responded to him on social media saying that it is a serious case and he has directed the concerned officials to take stringent action. – BMB

### 1 more terror suspect held

Authorities in Bengaluru said that one more suspect has been detained in connection with the terror investigation by the crime branch. According to officials, the suspect is reported to have maintained contact with a man by the name of Junaid, who is allegedly on the run and is hiding out in a Middle Eastern nation. Five people were arrested a few weeks ago on suspicion of engaging in terrorism, and weapons were found on them, said the police. – BMB

### 'Can't give water to TN for 15 days'

Amid the tussle between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu over Cauvery water, Karnataka Minister MB Patil has said that it is very difficult for Karnataka to give water for fifteen days to Tamil Nadu.

"Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) has directed us to give 5,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu for fifteen days. We do not have water; it's an order that is very difficult for us to implement, so we have taken the legal route. We want a distressed formula for this long-pending issue. A formula that is based on a scientific and practical approach, and unless and until there is a formula, it will be an embarrassing situation for all of us," MB Patil told ANI.

This comes a day after the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) passed an interim order asking Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu daily for the next 15 days until September 2. – ANI

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### Unblock it

**Shivajinagar**

The footpath on Cockburn Road, Shivajinagar, remains persistently blocked, causing ongoing inconvenience.

### Wasting energy

**Jayanagar Metro**

Lights glowing day and night at Jayanagar Metro Station are a waste of energy. BMRCL is not conserving energy.

### What's the use?

**Jayanagar**

E-toilets opposite the city library in Jayanagar are seen as a drain on taxpayers' money.

# Metro, on a new high

## Jayadeva Metro Station is super hi-tech and also happens to be highest in India

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Jayadeva Metro station stands tall

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The Jayadeva Metro Station stands out as potentially the highest metro station in the country, according to a metro official. This station boasts a unique design, functioning as a road cum rail flyover with both road and metro components, spanning six levels. Its elevation reaches 38 metres from the subway level at R6, setting the stage for what could be the nation's tallest metro station.

A Metro official said, "The project's phases unfold as follows: the first phase encompasses the Bannerghatta to Dairy Circle underpass, followed by the second stage linking Ragigudda to Central Silk Board road at grade level. The third stage features a flyover atop this road, while the fourth introduces the metro concourse level. The fifth phase involves a metro line connecting RV Road and Bommasandra, with the final stage crowning the structure as the Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara Metro line."

> **There are plans for communication between trains, emphasising the adoption of a computer-based train control system**
> –A Metro official

Concurrently, an innovative technology is poised for introduction.

The official added, "There are plans for communication between trains, emphasising the adoption of a computer-based train control system over the 'distance to go' signalling used in the initial phase. This novel system involves a communication 'bubble' facilitating interaction between passing trains, particularly intended for unattended train operation. The successful integration of the signalling rolling stock interface required meticulous design verification."

Meanwhile, the metro has successfully established connectivity to Whitefield, and the link between KR Puram and Baiyappanahalli remains forthcoming. Similarly, connectivity to the Electronic City tech corridor anticipates further delays, attributed to potential setbacks in procuring train coaches. The China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation had committed to supplying 216 coaches, with a pair of six-coach sets scheduled for delivery by August—one allocated to the purple line, the other to the green line.

Presently, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) sources suggest the initial coach set will arrive by October 16, followed by subsequent deliveries. Initial projections targeted a complete supply of coaches by September, a timeline now appearing less likely. Following coach arrival, a three-month trial period is estimated before potential commencement. This projected delay contrasts with previous plans to launch the yellow stretch in two phases: initially operating trains between Bommasandra and the Central Silk Board junction, later extending from the Central Silk Board to RV Road by December. The revised strategy envisions inaugurating the entire stretch in one comprehensive phase.

The RV Road to Bommasandra route contends with high vehicular density; thus, the opening of this stretch promises to benefit the daily commutes travelling to Electronic City. Early estimates anticipate accommodating approximately 3.7 lakh commuters, with projections envisioning ridership growing to 4.55 lakh by 2031 and 5.02 lakh by 2041.

### Inspection on 'missing-link stretch' soon

The missing link between Baiyappanahalli and KR Puram stretch on the purple line has been long-delayed, keeping commuters in anticipation. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has said that the inspection of the stretch by the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS) is set to take place after September 7. The stretch between the two stations can be inaugurated only after a successful completion of inspection of the CMRS. Recently, trial runs have been conducted with a six-coach metro train on the stretch, followed by a load test on the Open Web Grinder (OWG) installed above the Indian Railways track in Bennaganahalli.

# Driver delves into history

## From passion to curiosity, bus routes to Brahmi scripts, he digs into Bengaluru's historical secrets

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File photo of inscription stones of Bengaluru at an exhibition organised by Dept of Archaeology Museums & Heritage at Kasturba Road. Inset: K Dhanapal

In a recent episode of Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi shared an inspiring story of a retired BMTC driver who embarked on an unexpected journey of historical exploration. The driver's curiosity was piqued when a commuter inquired about the history of Sankey Tank, a question that left the driver without an answer. This incident ignited his passion for delving into Bengaluru's past, ultimately leading him to uncover and decipher ancient inscriptions.

K Dhanapal, the retired BMTC driver turned historical enthusiast, told BM that he was astonished at being mentioned by the Prime Minister. "I consider this as my luck as I never expected that our PM would take my name, in the 104th episode of Mann Ki Baat," he said. Recounting the origins of his journey, Dhanapal shared, "I used to share whatever knowledge I had gathered about Bengaluru's history with commuters. At that time, I hadn't pursued any formal education in the subject." He admitted that many inquiries from curious passengers left him stumped, like the query about Sankey Lake's namesake. "When someone asked me who Sankey was, I felt embarrassed. This incident prompted me to dive deeper into the city's history," he said.

He then decided to comprehensively research Bengaluru's history. His exploration led him to the realm of inscriptions, a complex field he was determined to master. "Deciphering inscriptions was no simple task, so I resolved to study them further. Despite my ongoing efforts, I still consider myself a student, learning every day. It's an example that anything can be achieved with the desire to learn," he said. Dhanapal's dedication prompted him to pursue a diploma course focused on inscriptions. Currently engaged in research across Karnataka, he navigates predominantly Kannada inscriptions while occasionally encountering those in languages such as Urdu and Tamil. Realising the importance of understanding the Brahmi script, he even acquired proficiency in this ancient writing system.

Dhanapal, mentioned that he was pursuing a diploma in epigraphy at Kannada Sahitya Parishat. He attended classes and also worked as a BMTC bus driver simultaneously. Reflecting on his discovery of inscriptions, he expressed, "Many burial grounds had turned into dust bins. Sajjan Rao's burial place behind Gangadhareshwara temple was like a dumping ground. With the support of the media and like-minded individuals, we highlighted the issue and finally, his relatives cleaned the area." Within the inscriptions, Dhanapal has uncovered historical gems.

Narrating interesting anecdotes, he said, "Someone informed me about the burial place of the film actress Manjula. When I visited Tumkuru, there used to be a Krishna temple, I encountered an inscription. My friends and I had difficulty deciphering a portion of it. I sought guidance from my mentor, KR Narasimhan, and together we revealed that Krishnadevaraya died on October 17, 1529. This date had been previously speculated, but we were able to confirm it, by converting the Shaka year to the Gregorian calendar.

Dhanapal's findings unveil historical accounts recounting occurences during the Third Anglo-Mysore War in 1791. "It relates to the siege laid by Lord Cornwallis on the fort. The fort's defender, Bahadur Khan, held his ground for 21 days. This was also the first instance of rocket usage. A traitor's information led the British army to storm the fort on March 21, 1791, resulting in Bahadur Khan's death. The fate of Bahadur Khan remained unknown until some biographies mentioned his demise. While travelling to Kalatammanahalli (near Chikkabanavara), I encountered an inscription with the words 'Bengaluru fort.' It mentioned the gifting of land to Bahadur Khan's family," Dhanapal said.

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> –K Dhanapal

# BMTC depot has a 'surprise guest': Rajinikanth

## Superstar's sudden visit to his former workplace leaves everyone overwhelmed

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An unexpected surprising event occurred at the BMTC bus depot. The bus depot witnessed a 'surprise guest', none other than the former BTS conductor, Shivaji Rao Gaikwad, famously known as Rajinikanth.

This heartwarming event took place on Tuesday, leaving BMTC officials and employees surprised and delighted. A BMTC official recounted the incident, stating, "Around 11.45 AM, Rajinikanth's car was passing by the bus depot, and our vigilant traffic controller recognised him. We were then informed that the megastar wished to revisit the workplace where he had worked in the past. The news thrilled all of us, as we eagerly welcomed our former colleague who has now become a superstar in the realm of Indian cinema. His presence brought a refreshing change to our routine. He spent time with us until noon before departing. We were informed that Rajinikanth occasionally reminisces about his workplace and pays visits on special occasions. Today turned out to be a fortunate day for all of us."

# BESCOM's cable removal stops internet

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In an incident, a 21-year-old student sustained injuries after a pole came crashing down in SG Palya last week. The Bangalore electricity supply company (BESCOM) came up with the order instructing the internet service providers (ISP) to remove the illegal optical fibre cable. While BESCOM initiated a drive to rectify the situation, the consequences of these actions have left numerous residents struggling with disrupted internet services.

One of the areas significantly impacted by the removal of these cables is Sarjapura. Many residents complained of internet problems after the cables were removed. With an increasing number of individuals working from home, the lack of internet connectivity has led to a slew of challenges, including missed workdays and strained productivity. The residents also complained that the cables after being cut off were left haphazardly on the road.

A resident of Sarjapura said, "Last week BESCOM carried out a drive in full spree of cutting down the illegal OFC cables. And then it was us who faced internet connectivity issues. Many residents in Sarjapura near the Decathlon location suffered internet connectivity issues. Some had to stop work halfway while some took leave. However, I managed with my mobile data to complete my work. Most of them work for IT companies and for them, the internet is important."

Another resident said, "For two days, I too had to suffer as neither broadband nor mobile internet service were working properly. The lack of coordination between agencies led to such suffering."

Some residents of Sarjapura also complained that the lines were left haphazardly thrown after cutting off. "We even observed that cables were abandoned haphazardly on the roadside, endangering pedestrians. We had to highlight the issue on social media and to authorities after which it was cleared. However, after we raised complaints the lines were removed."

BM had foreseen such possibility on Aug 25

While the residents were supportive of the initiative to cut down the illegal cables, however, they stated that proper enforcement needs to be carried out to avoid such instances in future, as the citizens are the ones indirectly affected. "We are asking for a comprehensive solution that balances safety with uninterrupted internet connectivity. Addressing the issue requires proper planning, communication among agencies, and efficient disposal methods to ensure that citizens do not suffer the unintended consequences of these well-intentioned actions," said a resident.

> **"BESCOM did cut down the illegal OFC cables. But that led to the loss of Internet connectivity: Broadband and mobile data**
> –A resident

**HEALTH TIP:** Walking after meals can help digestion and prevent blood sugar spikes

The fibre content in ash gourd helps to regulate bowel movements and detoxifies the kidneys

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# EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE

## Air pollution greatest global threat to human health: Study

Air pollution remains the world's greatest external risk to human health, but most of its impact on global life expectancy is concentrated in just six countries, including India, a study has found.

The University of Chicago's Energy Policy Institute (EPIC) in its annual Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) report noted that as global pollution edged upwards in 2021, so did its burden on human health.

The average person would add 2.3 years onto their life expectancy -- or a combined 17.8 billion life-years saved worldwide, if the world were to permanently reduce fine particulate pollution (PM2.5) to meet the World Health Organization's (WHO) guideline, the researchers said.

The yet-to-be peer-reviewed data makes clear that particulate pollution remains the world's greatest external risk to human health. The impact of life expectancy is comparable to that of smoking, more than 3 times that of alcohol use and unsafe water, and over 5 times that of transport injuries like car crashes, they said.

"Three-quarters of air pollution's impact on global life expectancy occurs in just six countries, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, China, Nigeria and Indonesia, where people lose one to more than six years off their lives because of the air they breathe," said Michael Greenstone, a professor at the University of Chicago, US.

"For the last five years, the AQLI's local information on air quality and its health consequences has generated substantial media and political coverage, but there is an opportunity to complement this annual information with more frequent—for example, daily—and locally generated data," Greenstone said.

The researchers noted that many polluted countries lack basic air pollution infrastructure, Asia and Africa being the two most poignant examples.

They contribute 92.7 per cent of life years lost due to pollution. Yet, just 6.8 and 3.7 per cent of governments in Asia and Africa, respectively, provide their citizens with fully open air quality data, they said.

Just 35.6 and 4.9 per cent of countries in Asia and Africa, respectively, have air quality standards -- the most basic building block for policies, according to the researchers.

The collective current investments in global air quality infrastructure also do not match where air pollution is having its greatest toll on human life, they said.

While there is a large global fund for HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis that annually disburses 4 billion USD toward the issues, there is no equivalent set of coordinated resources for air pollution.

The entire continent of Africa receives under 300,000 USD in philanthropic funds towards air pollution -- i.e. the current average price of a single-family home in the US.

Just 1.4 million USD goes to Asia, outside of China and India. Europe, the US, and Canada, meanwhile, receive 34 million USD, according to the Clean Air Fund.

"Timely, reliable, open air quality data in particular can be the backbone of civil society and government clean air efforts -- providing the information that people and governments lack and that allows for more informed policy decisions," said Christa Hasenkopf, the director of AQLI and air quality programs at EPIC.

"Fortunately, we see an immense opportunity to play a role in reversing this by better targeting -- and increasing-- our funding dollars to collaboratively build the infrastructure that is missing today," Hasenkopf added. **PTI**

## All you need to know about...

*Microplastic effect*

**In your brain**
The infiltration of microplastics is as widespread in the body as it is in the environment, leading to changes in behaviour and also in the brain, especially in the elderly people, according to a study.

**Pervasive thing**
Plastics -- in particular, microplastics -- are among the most pervasive pollutants on the planet, finding their way into the air, water systems and food chains around the world.

**Neurobehavioural effect**
Researchers from the University of Rhode Island in the US focused on neurobehavioural effects and inflammatory response to exposure to microplastics, as well as the accumulation of microplastics in tissues, including the brain.
The team exposed young and old mice to varying levels of microplastics in drinking water over the course of three weeks.
The findings, published in the International Journal of Molecular Science, showed that microplastic exposure induces both behavioural changes and alterations in immune markers in liver and brain tissues.

**All organs**
"To us, this was striking. These were not high doses of microplastics, but in only a short period of time, we saw these changes," said Jaime Ross, an assistant professor at the Ryan Institute for Neuroscience and the College of Pharmacy, at the University of Rhode Island in the US.

Further, the researchers found that the particles had begun to bioaccumulate in every organ, including the brain, as well as in bodily waste.

"The detection of microplastics in tissues such as the heart and lungs, however, suggests that the microplastics are going beyond the digestive system and likely undergoing systemic circulation."

**—IANS**

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## All you need to know about emotional infidelity

There used to be a time when cheating meant that one person in a committed relationship was sexually involved with someone other than their partner. Fast forward a few years and, today, with the internet and social media, the definition has expanded to encompass the feelings and thoughts that comprise emotional infidelity. Simply put, 'emotional infidelity' means cheating on your partner emotionally by maintaining a close relationship with someone else.

**The Signs Of Emotional Cheating**: There's a thin line between friendship and emotional cheating, so how exactly does one differentiate between the two? In the beginning, emotional cheating can feel a lot like friendship. Maybe you connect with the person well over your shared love for river rafting or baking peanut butter cups since your partner doesn't enjoy either. "If you're sharing things with that other that you aren't comfortable discussing with your partner or are more irritable with your beau after connecting with the other person or even turn towards the other person for support and comfort, then it's clear you're emotionally cheating on your partner," says Bombay-based relationship coach Rishita Makhija. Additionally, if you also frequently find yourself wishing the guy you're with behaved more like the other person, and even refute your partner's complaints about your relationship with the other person, it means you're emotionally cheating.

**The Impact Of Emotional Affairs:** Some might argue that an emotional affair is harmless as it's more of a casual friendship than traditional cheating. However, the intimate nature of the communication, plus the emotional investment made, are on the same level as physical cheating, if not more. Emotional infidelity might seem innocent, but it can wreck your relationship with your current partner, by threatening the emotional bond between you and causing a serious disconnect.

**—Ravina M Sachdev, Femina**

# Whose land is it anyway?

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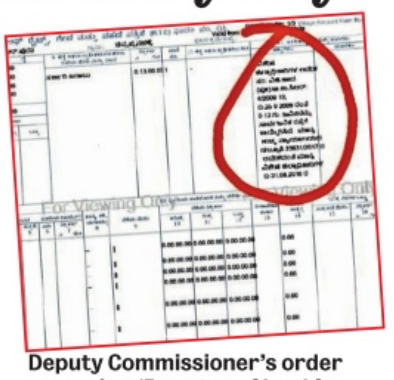
We are not sure whether the builder keeps this passage open for the visitors to the lake," said Mahesh, a resident of Chinnappanahalli.

It is said the Deputy Commissioner had issued an order on September 25, 2009 reserving 13 guntas of land on Survey No.20 as a road for the public purpose. "The authorities must maintain the status quo. They must ensure the builder obeys the Deputy Commissioner's order of reserving land for the road," said a resident on Maramma Temple Road.

Expressing a similar opinion, Rajamani S, a resident of Chinnappanahalli, said the ongoing development of the land by a builder has been causing inconvenience for the people visiting the lake. "We have to walk more than 2 km to reach the lake due to the closure of the existing road to the lake. We have no objection to builders developing the land as per the norms. We want the authorities to restore the road (13 guntas) for the benefit of residents," said Rajamani.



**Deputy Commissioner's order reserving 13 guntas of land for public road connecting with Chinnappanahalli Lake with Maramma Temple Road**

## Government land

The residents claim the land adjacent to the lake was a quarry and belongs to the government. "It is not clear why the government did not claim the land that was once a quarry. The number of people visiting the lake has come down due to the closure of the road," said a resident on a condition of anonymity.

When informed, BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes) Bhuprada said that she would write a letter to the engineering department. "I will look into the matter," the executive engineer said. Meanwhile, BBMP Executive Engineer of Mahadevapura Zone M Muni Reddy said that he would depute an assistant executive engineer and assistant engineer to the spot. "I will ensure the road is restored," said the executive engineer.

# Green claim is a disclaimer

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a non-profit pushing for a plastic-free and clean city.

Interestingly, KSPCB has warned manufacturers, suppliers, transporters, and the general public of penal action if they use bio-degradable and oxo-biodegradable plastic items. The Board had urged people to not use single-use plastic disguised as compostables, biodegradable, and oxy-biodegradables. It further added that the Government of Karnataka has issued notification regarding plastic carry bags made of polymer-based bio-degradable and compostable and all thickness carry bags are banned within Karnataka.

Volunteers say although banned in Karnataka since 2016, the sea of these plastic bags is only growing, misguiding well-meaning customers too. Although the pouches come with the disclaimer of CPCB certification, they are illegal in Karnataka, say the experts.

"Karnataka had banned these items in 2016. Often we are coming across vendors pulling out the Central Pollution Control Board's certification saying these bags are allowed to be sold. However, citizens must know that state law superseded central law provided it is stricter.

**Volunteers say although banned in Karnataka since 2016, the sea of these plastic bags is only growing...**

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board should have come into the picture in the given scenario. A lot of people who want to do the right thing are getting fooled by these items," said a city-based SWM expert.

SWM volunteers say while the onus to put out the right kind of material is on the vendors and supermarket chains, it is the agencies such as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and KSPCB that should ensure that banned items are not available freely. Awareness and enforcement are potent combinations and both aspects need to be stepped up in Bengaluru.

"The technical definition of biodegradable says the item will disintegrate into small particles and compostables are those that can disintegrate into non-toxic, natural elements in 84 days. We have tried many of the certified products in our composting facilities, as bags and as shredded pieces, they have stayed intact for more than a year. We also consulted recyclers and while some say these bags can be part of the recycling process, others said they would hinder the regular plastic recycling" said Divya Tiwari, Principal Scientific & Advisor, Saahas.

In the wake of such products flooding the market in the country, even the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) came up with a notification recently saying there is no 100% biodegradable plastic in India. Firms making such claims are 'greenwashing' their products and face legal action under the 'misleading advertisement' rule of the Consumer Protection Act.


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# SC asks: When will electoral democracy be back in J-K?

## Will make statement about Article 370: Solicitor General tells Supreme Court bench

The five-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court, hearing a clutch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, asked the Centre for the first time on Tuesday to specify a time frame for restoration of electoral democracy in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, saying the present arrangement "has to come to an end".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, told the bench the union territory status of Jammu and Kashmir is not a "permanent thing" and that the government will make an elaborate statement on the vexatious political issue in the court on August 31.

The bench, headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandradhud, which was hearing Mehta's submissions defending the Centre's decision to do away with the special status of the former state and its reorganisation, said, "Democracy is important, although we agree that in view of the national security scenario, reorganisation of the state can be done."

The court said lack of electoral democracy cannot be allowed to go on indefinitely.

"This has to come an end... give us the specific time frame as to when will you restore actual democracy. We want to record this," the bench said, and asked Mehta and Attorney General R Venkataramani to seek instructions from the political executive and get back to the court.

"I have taken instructions and the instructions are that the UT status for Jammu and Kashmir is not a permanent thing. It will remain for Ladakh. However, I will make an elaborate statement on August 31," Mehta told the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant. He read out from the statement Home Minister Amit Shah had made while tabling the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill in 2019 saying J&K's statehood will be restored in due course of time.

File photo of people lining up to vote during the district development council election in Kashmir in 2020

As the hearing on the contentious issue continued for the 12th day, the apex court wanted to know from the government's law officers was the abrogation of Article 370 "really a logical step" to achieve J-K's complete integration with India. "The wide chasm between absolute autonomy, as it existed on January 26, 1950, and complete integration, as it was brought on August 5, 2019... that chasm has been substantially bridged by what was happening in between. So, really, in the sense it was not a complete migration from absolute autonomy to absolute integration.

"It is obvious that a substantial degree of integration has already taken place in the last 69 years. Therefore, what was done in 2019 was it really a logical step forward to achieve that integration?" the bench asked Attorney General R Venkataramani. The top court also questioned the Centre about the validity of its decision to divide the erstwhile state into two Union Territories, saying the petitioners who have challenged its decision contended it was beyond the powers of Parliament.

> **"This has to come an end... give us the specific time frame as to when will you restore actual democracy. We want to record this...**
>
> – Supreme Court bench

Mehta said Jammu and Kashmir was divided into two Union Territories looking at its peculiar situation and the fact that being a border state the matter also involved national security. The CJI while referring to creation of Chandigarh as UT said, "So, you make them as Union Territories, but at a later point of time when the situation stabilises, the union territories are made into a state. We understand that these are matters of national security and the preservation of the nation itself is the overriding concern. Equally, restoration of democracy is also important."

The bench also questioned the attorney general as to how proviso 3 to Article 370 can be given a go-by while abrogating the provision. **– PTI**

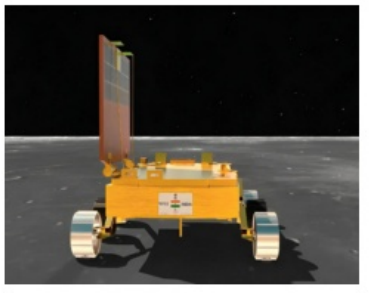
# Chandrayaan-3 rover confirms presence of sulphur on lunar surface: ISRO

The Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscope instrument onboard 'Pragyan' rover of Chandrayaan-3 has 'unambiguously confirmed the presence of sulphur in the lunar surface near south pole, through first-ever in-situ measurements,' ISRO said on Tuesday.

It also said the instrument also detected aluminium, calcium, iron, chromium, titanium, manganese, silicon and oxygen, as expected.

"In-situ scientific experiments continue...Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscope (LIBS) instrument onboard the Rover unambiguously confirms the presence of Sulphur (S) in the lunar surface near the south pole, through first-ever in-situ measurements," ISRO said in a social media post. "Al, Ca, Fe, Cr, Ti, Mn, Si, and O are also detected, as expected. Search for Hydrogen (H) is underway," the national space agency headquartered here said.

LIBS instrument is developed at the Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems (LEOS)/ISRO, Bengaluru. **– PTI**



**An illustration of Chandrayaan-3's Pragyan rover roaming on the lunar surface, on Tuesday**

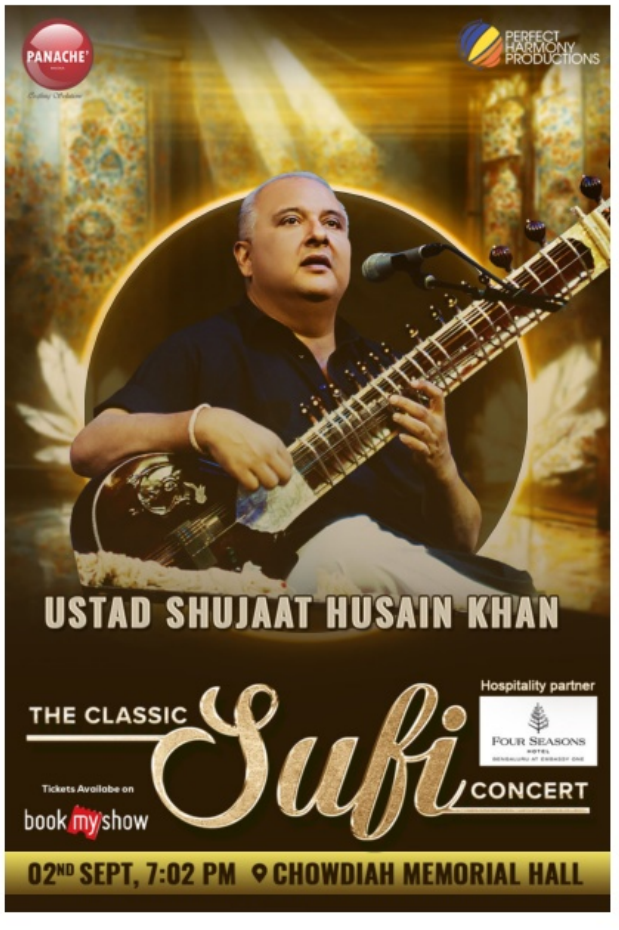
# Poll in sight: Union Cabinet approves Rs 200 cut in LPG

With eyes set firmly on the forthcoming elections, the Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved reduction in prices of LPG cooking gas cylinders by Rs 200 for all connection holders.

In addition to this, the Cabinet also cleared the proposal to give 75 lakh new LPG cylinders connections under the Ujjwala scheme, thus taking the total beneficiaries to more than 10 crore across the country, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur told mediapersons after the Cabinet briefing. As of now, the price of domestic LPG, which is used in the kitchen for cooking purposes, is Rs 1,103 per 14.2-kg cylinder in New Delhi. This will now come down by Rs 200 per cylinder.

Domestic LPG cylinder prices were last revised on March 1, when they were hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder. The decision comes with Assembly elections scheduled in four states in December and Lok Sabha polls are to be held next year. Oil marketing companies (OMCs) have been reporting heavy under-recoveries due to lack of hike in prices of domestic cooking gas. Under the Ujjwala scheme, the government provided free LPG connection to women beneficiaries in rural households.

The beneficiaries already get a Rs 200 subsidy and now there will be further Rs 200 cut for all domestic LPG connection holders, Thakur said. He further informed that the new connections are being given to those beneficiaries who have been added owing to marriage of girls and issuance of new ration cards. **– IANS**



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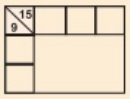
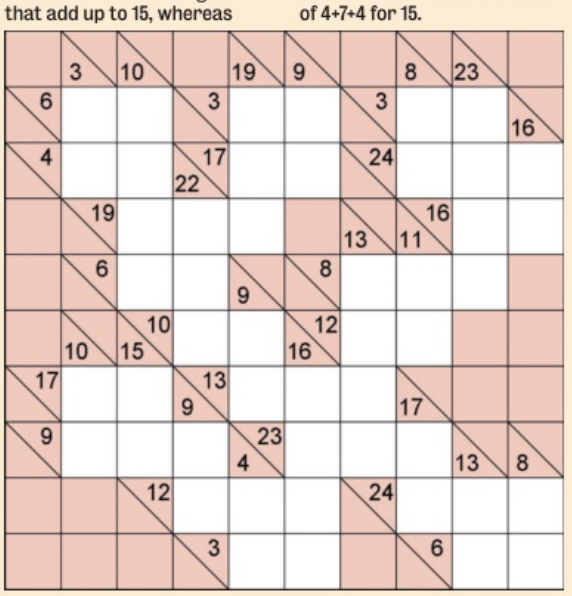
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas




for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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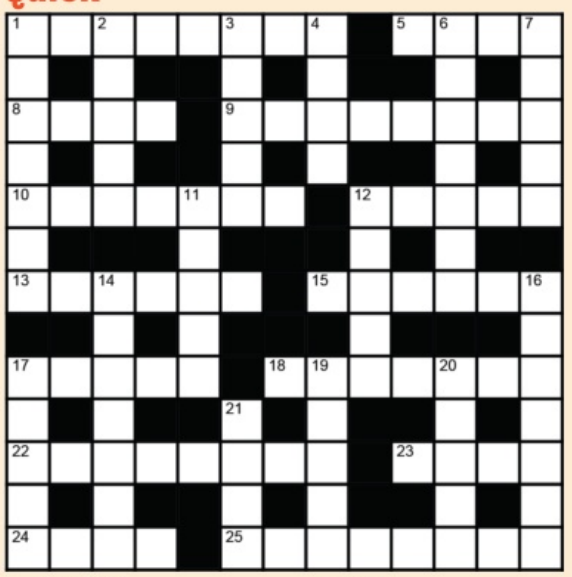


**ACROSS**

1 Raided or started fighting? (8)
5 Yield or resign (4)
8 The Eternal City (4)
9 Marijuana (8)
10 Studious (7)
12 ___ down : intimidated or bullied (5)
13 Venetian artist (6)
15 Calm, subjugate or suppress (6)
17 Rogue or scoundrel (5)
18 Sewn surgically (7)
22 Omit or ignore (5,3)
23 Pub with a Goan touch at Chakravarthy Layout (4)
24 Single or solitary (4)
25 Come back into view (8)

**DOWN**

1 Gymnast (7)
2 Musical speed (5)
3 Strikes with the foot (5)
4 Sand hill (4)
6 Nudged or jostled, in a way (7)
7 Alleviated (5)
11 Furious (5)
12 Tot up (5)
14 Painful exertion (7)
16 The ultimate consumer (3-4)
17 Some measures (5)
19 __ violet : uv in short? (5)
20 Indian monetary unit (5)
21 This frost is white (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: E EQUALS T**

QE'O VAE OA QTIAMEDVE GCA OEDMEO ECZ PDTZ KHE GCA LQVQOCZO QE.

**Linemaro**

You are looking gloomy. You need some vitamin Me

**Mindchow**

The man of knowledge must be able not only to love his enemies, but also to hate his friends

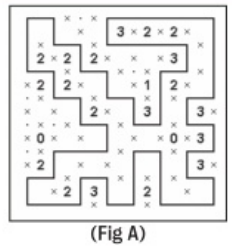
**Joke of the day**

You can't trust atoms. They make up everything

## Loop

### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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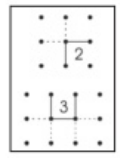
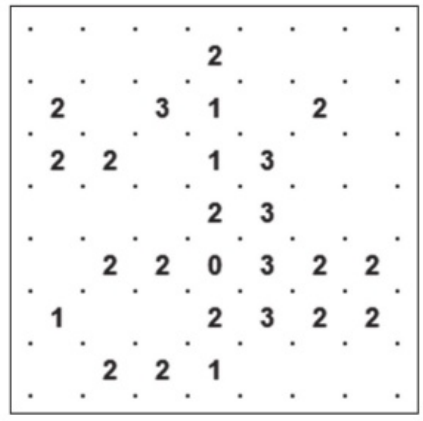


(Fig B) Not Allowed

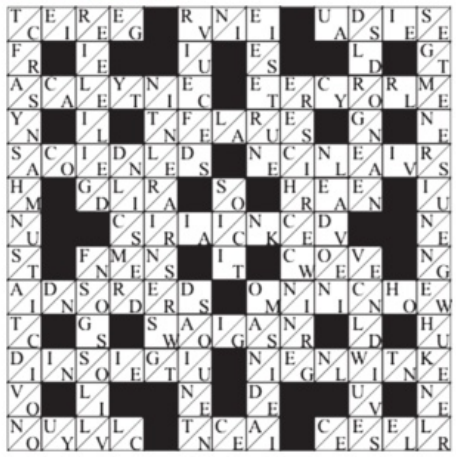
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



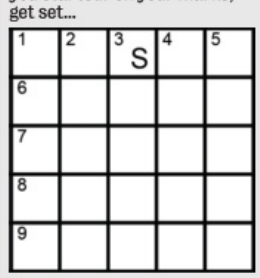
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...




**ACROSS**

1 As apt; 6 Ulnar; 7 A true; 8 A ma if; 9 Lubes

**DOWN**

1 LM pub; 2 Laura; 3 Fauns; 4 Eat it; 5 As are

## Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing section?

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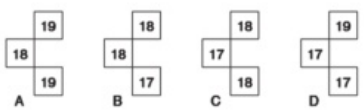
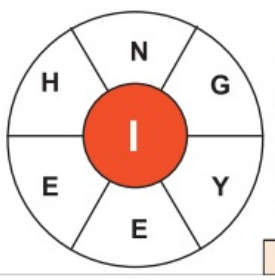
| 20 | 22 | 19 | 21 |
| 17 | 19 | 16 | ? |
| 19 | 21 | ? | 20 |
| 16 | 18 | 15 | ? |




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

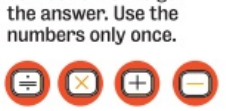
## SudokuChallenge

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 3 | 5 | | | 6 | 4 | |
| | | | 4 | | | | | |
| 1 | | 9 | | | 3 | | | 7 |
| | 1 | | 2 | | | 9 | 6 | |
| 4 | | | 9 | | 5 | | | 1 |
| | 9 | 6 | | | 7 | | 5 | |
| 5 | | | 3 | | | 7 | | 9 |
| | | | | | 1 | | | |
| | 3 | 7 | | | 2 | 4 | | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 6
2 5 5 6

Medium = 13
2 2 8 9

Hard = 30
6 8 9 6

## Hocusfocus




Find at least six differences in details between panels.

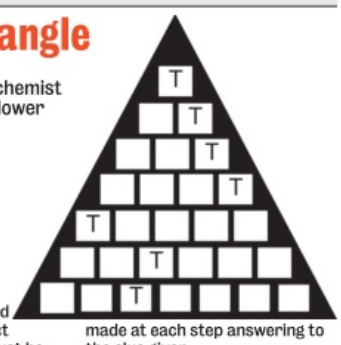
**Differences:** 1. Lapel is different. 2. Thumb is moved. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Mouth is reversed. 5. Cake is larger. 6. Woman is thinner.

## Riddler

Add zero, it would mean no motion. Add value, a mathematical notion. As an adverb, it's an affirmation. With power could corrupt a nation. What is it?

## Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Astatine for the chemist
3 "Top" or "tin" follower
4 Warm up
5 Feudal baron
6 Patriotic tune
7 Marsh gas




Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.


DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

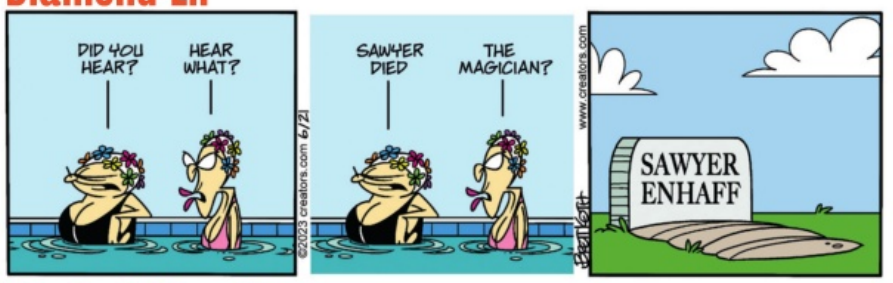
# COMICS

## Redeye by Mel Casson

IF THE WORLD IS ROUND, LIKE YOU SAY, INSTEAD OF FLAT... HOW COME WE DON'T ALL FALL OFF?!
BECAUSE WE LIVE ON THE TOP PART!
OH
I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ANYMORE PROBLEMS WITH POKEY RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME

## Bizarrotrip

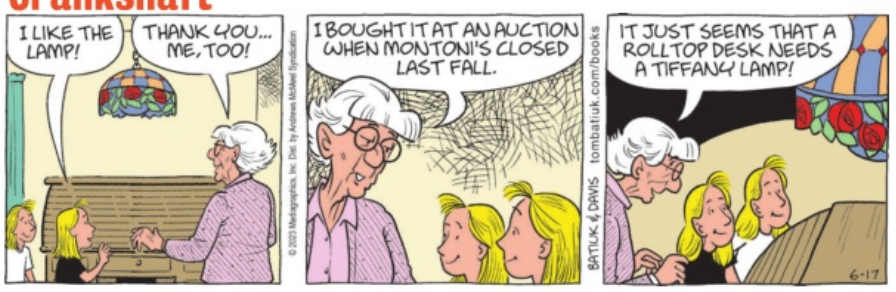
## Diamond Lil




## Hart of the city

HEY, YOU MUST BE SHELBY! I HEARD YOU SKIPPED SEVENTH GRADE.
THAT'S RIGHT!
I'VE NEVER BEEN BETTER! I ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE I'M LEARNING SOMETHING.
AND I GET TO STUDY WITH COLLEGE KIDS ON THE WEEKENDS!
THE WEEKEND?! BUT THE WEEKEND IS FOR VIDEO GAMES.

## Crankshaft


I LIKE THE LAMP!
THANK YOU... ME, TOO!
I BOUGHT IT AT AN AUCTION WHEN MONTONI'S CLOSED LAST FALL.
IT JUST SEEMS THAT A ROLLTOP DESK NEEDS A TIFFANY LAMP!
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## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may have a dull feeling. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance; it may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may feel energetic. You may perform better at work, your hard work may pay you now. This may boost your confidence. Property related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with some influential person may boost your business.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon; it will make you happy. You are likely to get a good opportunity with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with the people around you. You may make some difficult decisions in the business with the help of your colleagues. This may increase your prestige in society.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the moon; it's a good day for you. You have a good vitality, you may enjoy at work; you may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project; your perfection may help you to design the flow chart. Job seekers will find suitable jobs. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance; otherwise, you may face some losses due to your speaking while you are talking with anyone. Love birds should be careful in discussion; otherwise, relations may be affected.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today there may be peace in the mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase liquidity into your business. Your earnings may boost your savings. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find suitable matches. Love birds may make the decision to get married.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by a positive moon; your losses may convert into profits. Your boss may be happy and appreciate your work. You are likely to have some transfer in terms of promotion. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and love birds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today's situations are under control; you may feel better. You may plan for overseas travel. Your network may help you in the work front. There may be some increase in domestic harmony. You may be more creative; you may bring some artifacts or creative stuff for family or office. You may also plan for watching movies or other entertainment with friends or family.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
In the starting of the week, you will expect financial gains; you will make a balance between your earnings and expenses, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss will give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You will get back your money from your lenders. You will be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies. Health would be better now.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may plan to renovate the house. You may buy some stuff to decorate your house to maintain your social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse; it creates harmony in the domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers and partners may be settled down. You may get good news in terms of litigation.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy; old health issues may be cured now. The amount, which was stuck somewhere, is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan for buying some stuff related to luxury.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by Jupiter. This may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are decisive also, so may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

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## SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
25-1/2(9-(7))=
25-1/2(2)=
25-1*2/2=
25-1=
24

**BULL'S EYE**
eyeing, eenie, hinge, HYGIENE, neigh, nigh

**STRIKE OUT**

**QUICK**

**MENSA PUZZLE**
B: lines across proceed +2, -3, +2. Lines down proceed -3, +2, -3.

**SUDOKU**

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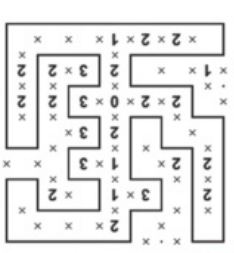
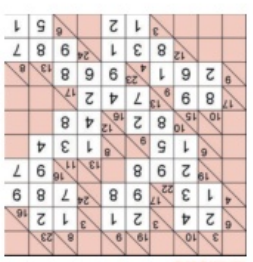
**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
T, At, Hat, Heat, Thane, Anthem, Methane.

**LOOP**



**GO FIGURE**
Easy
5 + 5 – 6 + 2 = 6
Medium
9 + 8 – 2 – 2 = 13
Hard
6 + 8 – 9 × 6 = 30

**KAKURO**



**RIDDLER**
Absolute

**QUOTE UNCODE**
It's not so important who starts the game but who finishes it.

**FAST FIVE**

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| M | A | F | I | A |
| U | R | A | T | E |
| L | U | N | A | R |
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**# Scratch that**

Pop veteran Cher has scrapped her biopic and will start the project from scratch. The singer-actress Cher is re-writing her biopic because it "wasn't working out"

# In our times...

## What Rani Mukerji thinks the key to success was for actors in recent past

Rani Mukerji ruled the marquee for many years and is considered one of the most formidable actors of her generation. She has proved her mettle with hard hitting performances over the years. In a recent chat with Film Companion, the mother of one said that in her time or before that, actors were not wrapped up in glamour and had limited choices.

She said that they were not spoilt and had to work hard to support their families. She further added that they had no choice but to do well, and that fans were far more forgiving around that time.

Opening up on why she thought so, the Kuch Kuch Hota Hai actor revealed that they (fans) were like 'sab kuch hai toh abhi karo na hard work' (if you have everything, then you must work hard). She added that at that time if actors looked bad in a film, fans didn't really come down hard on them... or they might have, but no one knew much because there was no social media. She added that now because of social media, everything is right in your face.

In the same interview, the actor also opened up on her personal life and revealed that one ritual she follows with husband Aditya Chopra.

She said that she always prefers watching movies on the big screen rather than watching them on OTT platforms. She said that she and Aditya step out together every Friday to watch movies, when in Mumbai they visit YRF studios and while abroad, they visit the closest theatres around them. "

—ETimes

# ROLE MODELS

## Mrunal reveals she has learnt from all actors she's worked with, but one person is her lucky charm

Mrunal Thakur is juggling multiple film industries with so much ease, it feels like she was born to do this. In her short film career, she has managed to work with names like Dulquer Salmaan, Vijay Deverakonda, Hrithik Roshan, Farhan Akhtar and more. The actress in a recent chat shared her experience of working with such big names. In an interview with News 18, Mrunal mentioned that all her co-stars are her friends and mentors and they have made her a better actor.

They have all taught her something or the other that she needed to learn. Delving into specifics, from John Abraham, Hrithik, Roshan and Farhan Akhtar, she learned how to worship her body and how one cannot look the same in every character. While Shahid taught her how not to be distracted by all the 10000 things happening on the sets, from Dulquer she learned how to deliver lines in different languages and not to be afraid. She added that Dulquer is the only actor who is working in so many industries and is a superstar in all of them. And Nani taught her how one doesn't always need to be on the top and can remain subtle.

But it is Ranveer Singh, whom she calls her lucky charm. She was working in TV when Shakun Batra gave her an opportunity to work with a star like Ranveer Singh in an ad. From him, she learned that you cannot be dull! You have to have a certain energy, a charisma when you walk into a set.

Mrunal will be next seen in Pooja Meri Jaan with Huma Qureshi and Vijay Raaz,

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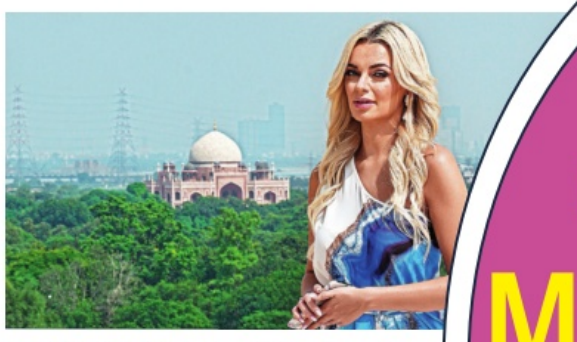
# Miss World's B-Town dreams



Miss World Karolina Bielawska, who is excited to be in India for Miss World 2023, shared her aspirations to work in Bollywood films, especially with King Khan a.k.a Shah Rukh Khan.

Speaking to ANI, Karolina said, "It would be lovely to be in a movie of Shah Rukh Khan. I've had the privilege of meeting producer Sajid Nadiadwala and also would love to work with SLB (Sanjay Leela Bhansali) in the movies he has been making with palaces and princesses. I know Aishwarya Rai was in his movie as well. Aishwarya is another wonderful Bollywood actress and she is Miss World sister, so it would be an honour for me to be able to learn and explore this market as well."

This is not the first time, Karolina opened up about her craze for Bollywood. Earlier, when asked about Bollywood, Miss World 2022 said, "It seems like so much fun. I always wanted to do it..."

— ANI

# SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

## Hit a quarter

Choreographer-cum-director Murali is elated about the success of his latest movie Namo Bhootatma 2, a sequel to Namo Bhootatma. The movie has successfully completed 25 days of screening despite competition from other language movies.

"I am very happy with the success of Namo Bhootatma 2 which completed 25 days of screening. I wrote the script for this movie during the covid pandemic. The movie went on floors during August 2022. It has received a good response from movie goers. It has provided 100 percent entertainment to the audiences. The post-intermission session, especially the climax, was appreciated by the audiences," said Murali.

Elaborating how big-budget movies, especially other language movies, had an adverse impact on Namo Bhootatma 2, Murali has said the producer and distributor have planned to release the movie on August 4 as there were not many movies scheduled for release. "The release of four big-budget movies has affected our movie. It became tough for us to retain theaters where our movie was being screened. Many theaters withdrew screening of this movie to facilitate screening of big-budget movies," he said.

## Pat on the back

Mysore belle Eshani is on cloud nine after receiving the much deserved pat on the back from Challenging Star Darshan and Dr Shivarajkumar. They appreciated Eshani for promoting Kannada abroad too. Eshani, who resides in Dubai, has made 17 music albums in English and three in Kannada.

The titles of the three Kannada albums are Writer, Urmila, and Freedom. Eshani has sung the songs and also acted in the music videos. It is said Darshan and Dr Shivarajkumar appreciated Eshani's dedication and love towards Kannada when she met both of them.

"I hail from Mysuru and reside in Dubai. I have done 17 English music albums. My parents, who reside in Mysuru,

wanted me to make Kannada music albums. I too wanted to make Kannada music albums. Kannada music albums are received well by music lovers. I have been singing and acting in music albums all these years. My maiden music album was released in 2016. Now, I want to act in Kannada movies," said Eshani.

She has completed Business Management court in Dubai. "Now I am dedicating myself to music. I had an opportunity to sing a song in Los Angeles."